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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 7369

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LIBYAN ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT LIBYAN AMBASSADOR TO BEIRUT, GHOUKA, HAS REQUESTED TRANSFER FROM BEIRUT AND THIS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED. LEAST EVENING HALIL HADDAD OF FOREIGN OFFICE CONFIRMED THIS REPORT, STATING GHOUKA WAS INDICATING THAT HE HAS REQUESTED TRANSFER BECAUSE HE WAS TOTALLY UNINFORMED RE RECENT LIBYAN NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE LEBANON AND LIBYAN INVITATIONS TO HABASH, HAWATMEH, ETC. TO VISIT TRIPOLI. I FIND THIS EXPLANATION HARD TO BELIEVE, IN THAT THE TWO CONVERSATIONS I HAVE HAD WITH LIBYAN AMBASSADOR LED ME TO CONSIDER HIM A FIREBRAND, TOTALLY SYMPATHETIC TO QADHAFI'S EXTRA-CIRRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN INTERNAL LEBANESE POLITICS.

2. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT LIBYANS HAVE RECENTLY ACQUIRED ANOTHER BEIRUT DAILY, WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY COME OUT UNDER THE NAME OF AL HODA.

WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE ACQUIRED AT LEAST ONE WEEKLY. THIS BRINGS LIBYAN BACKED OWNERSHIP OF BEIRUT DAILIES UP TO THREE.

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